

(b) The heads of all “principal departments” (as set out in North Carolina General Statutes (“N.C.G.S.”) §143B-6, as amended from time to time¹) who are appointed by the Governor, and their chief deputies or chief administrative assistants.

(c) All "confidential" assistants or secretaries to the aforesaid department heads (or to the aforesaid chief deputies and assistants of department heads) as defined in N.C.G.S. §126-5(c)(2).

(d) All employees in “exempt positions” (as that term is defined in N.C.G.S. §126-5(b)) as designated by the Governor pursuant to the State Personnel Act; all employees in exempt positions in the Cabinet Department as designated by the Governor per §126-5(d)(1); and all employees in additional positions designated as exempt by the Governor per §126-5(d)(2a).

(e) Any other exempt employees in the principal departments as defined above who are appointed by the Governor, or designated by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Board, to the extent such designation does not conflict with the State Personnel Act.

(f) Gubernatorial appointees to non-advisory boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, authorities, or similar public bodies, however denominated (hereinafter “boards”) located within the Executive branch of State government. Final determination of whether a board, commission, or council is “advisory” shall be made by the Board according to its standards and criteria.

(g) Individuals made subject to this Executive Order pursuant to Section 4 below.

(h) Members of the Board.

The departments, agencies, authorities, boards, commissions, councils, and other State entities identified above in which Public Officials serve are hereafter collectively referred to as "Agencies" (or "Agency" as the context may require).

Section 4. Other Public Officials.

(a) The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System, the President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, and each of the elected heads of the Council of State agencies (the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, and Commissioner of Insurance), are invited to participate in this Executive Order.

¹ Currently, such “principal departments” include the following: Administration; Correction; Crime Control & Public Safety; Cultural Resources; Commerce; Environment and Natural Resources; Health & Human Services; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Revenue; and Transportation.